

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in the application. No claims have been amended, canceled, or added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Claim 12 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-9, 13-20, 25-26, and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,927,872 to Yamada ("Yamada"). Yamada relates to a system and a method of printing an image represented by a frame of image data utilizing a hand-held printer. Applicant respectfully submits that Yamada fails to teach or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 1, namely, a specially formatted paper including an address pattern. In addition, Yamada fails to teach or suggest that a position of an electronic reading device can be determined based on an examination of a portion of the address pattern. Furthermore, Yamada fails to teach or suggest that at least the portion of the address pattern is associated with information to be printed.

In Yamada, a printer includes at least one optical sensor for tracking navigation of the hand-held printer relative to a surface of a print medium. The print medium can be an ordinary paper, glossy paper, a cardboard, a file folder, a page in a notebook, a side of a box, or other similar medium that has a surface for an image to be printed. The print medium can also be pre-printed paper having custom designs, such as forms or personalized letter paper.

The Office Action appears to have equated the pre-printed paper having custom designs of Yamada with a specially formatted paper including an address pattern as in claim 1. In contrast to claim 1, in Yamada, a print medium is an ordinary paper having customs designs on its surface (e.g., letterheads, printed envelopes etc). There is no teaching or suggestion by Yamada of a specially formatted paper including an address pattern. In addition, a hand-held printer as disclosed by Yamada includes four optical sensors for tracking a position of the hand-held printer relative to the print medium. The optical sensors detect slight pattern variations on

the print medium, such as paper fibers or illumination patterns formed by highly reflective surfaces. These features can be used as reference points for determining movement of the hand-held printer. However, in contrast to Yamada, in claim 1, at least a portion of the address pattern is associated with information to be printed. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 distinguishes over Yamada and is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 as anticipated by Yamada is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 2-9 and 13-14 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, dependent claims 2-9 and 13-14 distinguish over Yamada and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 2-9 and 13-14 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 15 is directed to a method for generating output with an electronic reading device. Applicant respectfully submits that Yamada fails to teach or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 1, namely, a specially formatted surface including an address pattern. In addition, Yamada fails to teach or suggest that a position of the electronic reading device can be determined based on an examination of a portion of the address pattern. Furthermore, Yamada fails to teach or suggest that at least the portion of the address pattern is associated with information to be printed.

In Yamada, a print medium is an ordinary paper having custom designs on its surface. There is no teaching or suggestion by Yamada of a specially formatted paper including an address pattern. In addition, a hand-held printer as disclosed by Yamada includes four optical sensors for tracking the position of the hand-held printer relative to the print medium. The optical sensors detect slight pattern variations on the print medium, such as paper fibers or illumination patterns formed by highly reflective surfaces. These features can be used as reference points for determining movement of the hand-held printer. However, in contrast to Yamada, in claim 15, at least a portion of the address pattern is associated with information to be printed. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 15 distinguishes over Yamada and is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 as anticipated by Yamada is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 16-20, 25-26, and 29 depend from and further restrict independent claim 15 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 15, dependent claims 16-20, 25-26, and 29 distinguish over Yamada and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 16-20, 25-26, and 29 is respectfully requested.

Claims 10 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada. Claim 10 depends from and further restricts independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Claim 21 depends from and further restricts independent claim 15 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claims 1 and 15, respectively, dependent claims 10 and 21 distinguish over Yamada and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 10 and 21 is respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 22-24, and 27-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,967 to Dymmentman et al. ("Dymmentman"). Claim 11 depends from and further restricts independent claim 1 and therefore also distinguishes over Yamada. Claims 22-24 and 27-28 depend from and further restrict independent claim 15 and therefore also distinguish over Yamada. In rejecting claims 11, 22-24 and 27-28, the Examiner has further applied Dymmentman. Dymmentman has been cited as teaching a device that performs angle-sensitive position detection. Applicant respectfully submits that Dymmentman fails to cure the deficiencies of Yamada noted above with respect to independent claim 1 and 15, respectively. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 11, 22-24, and 27-28 distinguish over the cited combination of Yamada and Dymmentman and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

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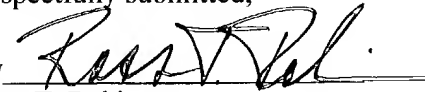
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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